

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

By the present amendment, claim 36 is amended, claims 45-47 are canceled, and new claims 48 and 49 are added. Claims 1, 3-10, 12-17, and 23-35, and 37-44 are allowed.

Claim 36 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(e) as being anticipated by Fink (U.S. 6,029,995). Claim 36 has been amended to recite a support defining a chamber, a first portion of a closure member deformed into the chamber by the pressure of inflation fluid, and a second portion of the closure member deformed outside the chamber by the pressure of inflation fluid. This structure is not taught or suggested by Fink. Therefore, claim 36, as amended, defines over Fink and should be allowed.

New claim 48 recites a closure member having an outer periphery secured to a first support member, a second support member centrally located relative to the closure member and defining a chamber into which a central portion of the closure member is deformed by the pressure of the inflation fluid, and an initiator located in the chamber. This structure is not taught or suggested by Fink. Therefore, new claim 48 should be allowed.


New claim 49 depends from claim 48 and recites an annular space defined between the first and second support members, the rupturable closure member having an annular portion encircling the central portion and deformed into the annular space by the pressure of the inflation fluid. This structure

is not taught or suggested by Fink. Therefore, new claim 48 should be allowed.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the above identified application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees for this amendment to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

Respectfully submitted,


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